

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong

that we did to him?” ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 103:[1-7] 8-13

(Refrain: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.)

[¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

**C ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all
God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your
diseases;

**C ⁴ who redeems your life from the grave and
crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy; *(Refrain)***

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that
your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**C ⁶ O LORD, you provide vindication and justice
for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your
works to the children of Israel.]

**C ⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love; *(Refrain)***

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep
your anger forever.

C ¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.)

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

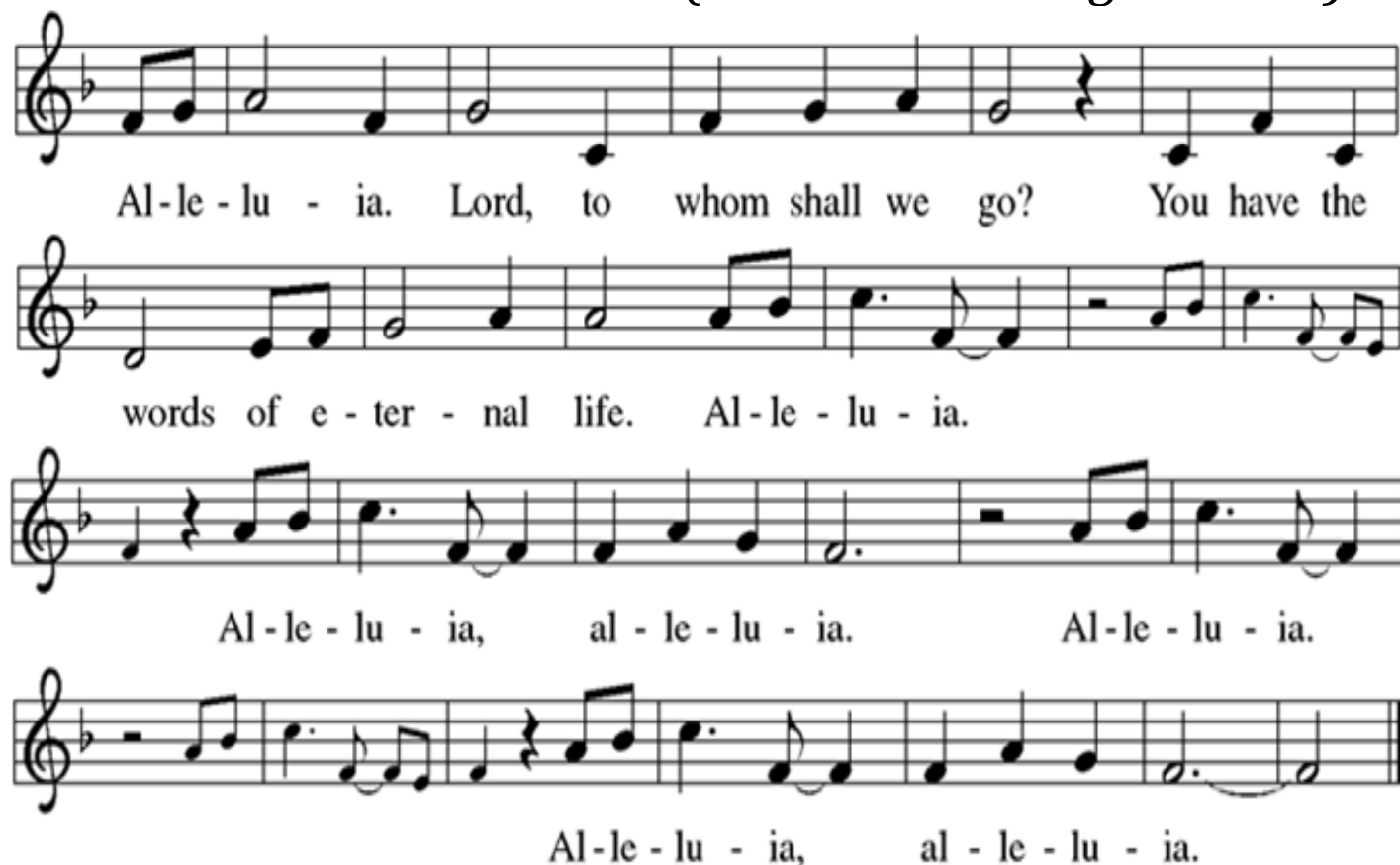
¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of

another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:12-22

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵ But when the

chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry ¹⁶ and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself’?” ¹⁷ He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there. ¹⁸ In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. ²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” ²¹ Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 196 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need (*We pray especially for Bob and Edith Nugent, Leon Seitz, Audrey Weisheit, family and friends of Wilma Hall, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.*) Merciful God,

C Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *“You Are My Light” Chancel Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

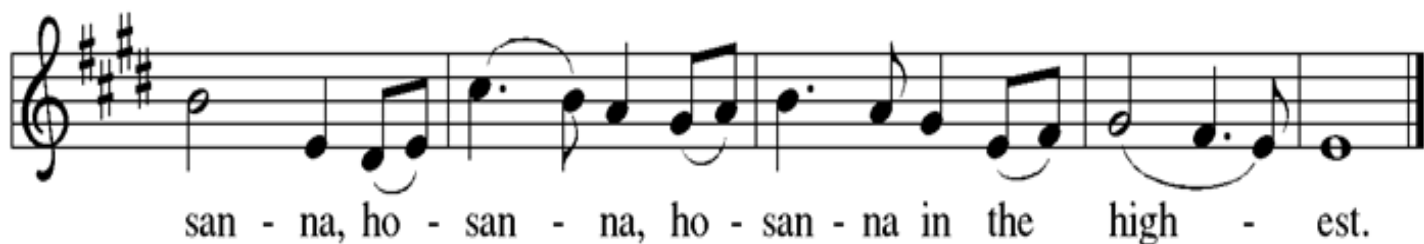
PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead

**us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 451 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

LBW 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LBW 315 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 552 "In Thee Is Gladness"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Thank you to the following people for your service today.

Greeters: Jon & Barb Schnarr
Comm. Asst: Debbie Bauer
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Martha Church
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Chloe Beck

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 98

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Sept 13th – Sept. 20th

Sun., Sept. 13 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	<i>Sunday School Kickoff!</i>
Mon., Sept. 14 th	8:00 AM	Ham Salad Prep
Tues., Sept. 15 th	8:30 AM	Ham Salad Prep
	10:00 AM	Ham Salad Pick Up
Wed., Sept. 16 th	9:30 AM	Archive Meeting
	12 – 3 PM	Ham Salad Pick Up
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Meeting
Sun., Sept. 20 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(First day of Sunday School)</i>
	10:00 AM	LYO Meeting

*Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis,
Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Dian Bair,
Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith
Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen,
Hester James, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger,
Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Nancy Krodel, Rex Krodel,
Wanda Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann,
Jeanne Marks, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer,
Logan Musgrave, Christine Probst, Anita Reed,
Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, and Judy
Wessel.*



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers on the altar today are in memory
Merle and Linda Mason's wedding anniversary.*

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This week, WELCA will be making ham salad on Monday and Tuesday with pick-up on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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There will be an **LYO** meeting on Sunday, September 20th in the fellowship hall following the service. Members who are in Confirmation through high school Seniors are invited! -*Tara Betz*

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Budget worksheets for each committee are in the mail slots in the back office. Please return the completed sheets to the office no later than September 20th. Thank you! -*Jeff Schmitt*

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Volunteers are needed on Sunday, Sept 27 to load the Lutheran World Relief boxes. Please meet after church at the east entrance of the church. Thank you. -*Donna Rasche*

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If you have a college student, please turn his/her address into the office by Oct. 31 so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package.

-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church



CONGREGATION INVITED!
LYO AMISH COMMUNITY TRIP

St. Paul's LYO is planning a fun day visiting the Amish community in Montgomery, IN, on Saturday, October 3rd, and **we are opening this opportunity to the congregation!** Space is limited to **40 people**, so be sure to sign up early!

We will leave the church parking lot between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. We'll enjoy a full Amish meal around 11:30 a.m., followed by a cake walk and a buggy tour of the Amish community. We plan to return to Haysville around mid-afternoon.

The cost is \$22 for non-LYO members. Current St. Paul's members in 7th–12th grade are considered members of the LYO.

If you would like to attend, please text **Tara Betz** at [812-827-1263](tel:812-827-1263) by **September 20th**.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and a unique experience with the Amish community!

WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2027 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85+, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects.

HARVEST HOME DISPLAY

If anyone has any items to bring for the Harvest Home display, please have them to the church by Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM.

Bake Sale:

WELCA will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, October 4th. If anyone in the congregation would like to support and donate baked items or canned items, please bring to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning by 8:30 AM.

-Kathy Jarboe

**"COLOR YOUR
WORLD WITH
JESUS"**

[AT]

**ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL KICK-OFF!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
(AFTER COMMUNION - 10:30)**

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHO: CHILDREN AGES 3 - 6TH GRADE

**WHAT: TIE-DYING SHIRTS +
BACK TO SCHOOL GAME + SNACK**

****PLEASE DON'T WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST!**



ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 2026

9/13

Tie-Dye Kick-Off Day

9/20

Age 3 – 1st: Welcome Day: Intros + Routines

2nd – 6th: Welcome Day: Intros + Routines

9/27

Age 3 – 1st: God Creates the Earth & Us

2nd – 6th: Jesus Feeds 5,000 People



BAND TOGETHER AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

**FAMILY FRIENDLY
+
FREE ENTRY**



FEATURED MUSIC BY

**JOHN &
STACEY
AKACIA
GTP**

DEBBIE SCHUETTER

**OCT. 10TH
3:00-9:30PM
JASPER RIVER
CENTRE**

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH

Emmanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, September 20th at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran will conduct the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service. After the service, there will be a carry-in meal in the old schoolhouse.

This year we will honor the 125th anniversary of the current sanctuary.

The public is invited to come and join the activities at the old Hill Church.



In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himself
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

Virginia Beach, VA
San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO



Listening Assistance Devices are available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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Are you moving away to go to college and would like a little taste of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See the sign-up form page.)

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Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

812-695-3061 / secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

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If you **are currently not**, and would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin email, or prayer chain email, please leave this form below in the box outside the church office.

Name _____

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- ☐ weekly bulletin email
- ☐ weekly prayer list email

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